

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating the translation of financial transaction files comprising:
 - ~~establishing, via a host computer, definitions comprising at least one of sorting criteria, filter criteria, date range, file format, accounting codes and formatting criteria;~~
 - establishing, via said host computer, sorting criteria which include a date of a financial transaction, name of a financial account holder, and name of a merchant;
 - establishing, via said host computer, filter criteria which identify financial transaction records belonging to a client of a financial services company;
 - establishing, via said host computer, a date range which includes a start date and an end date for retrieving said financial transaction records;
 - establishing, via said host computer, a file format which includes at least one of: comma delimited, space delimited, ASCII, Abstract Syntax Notation (ASN), and eXtensible Markup Language (XML);
 - establishing, via said host computer, accounting codes which are used to categorize said financial transaction records in accordance with accounting systems owned by said client of said financial services company;
 - establishing, via said host computer, financial transaction field properties which include at least one of: field name, description, status, length flag, length, minimum length, maximum length, format mask, justification, pad character, quote, delimiter flag, start position, end position, and counter increment flag;
 - establishing, via said host computer, element properties which include at least one of: query field, static table entry, counter, fixed text, and character function;
 - establishing, via a said host computer, an expression, wherein said expression is evaluated during said translation;
 - creating, via said host computer, an interface file including said definitions sorting criteria, said filter criteria, said date range, said file format, said accounting codes, said field properties, said element properties, and said expression;

reading, via said host computer, unusable financial transaction data from a first source, wherein said first source is at said financial services company;

reading, via said host computer, said definitions sorting criteria, said filter criteria, said date range, said file format, said accounting codes, said field properties, said element properties, and said expression contained in said interface file;

retrieving said unusable financial transaction data from said first source based on said sorting criteria, said filtering criteria, and said date range;

translating, via said host computer, using only a single translation of said unusable financial transaction data from said first source to create a first financial transaction data copy, wherein said first financial transaction data copy is in a format usable by a second source according to said file format, said accounting codes, said field properties, and said element properties definitions contained in said interface file and, wherein said second source is associated with said client of said financial services company and, wherein said unusable financial transaction data from said first source is usable by said second source after said translating step;

executing, via a host computer, said expression, wherein said expression performs a calculation and retrieves a second financial transaction data copy from a third source;

formatting, via a host computer, ~~said first data copy~~ and said second financial transaction data copy in accordance with said file format, said accounting codes, said field properties, and said element properties definitions; and,

combining said first financial transaction data copy and said second financial transaction data copy;

saving said combined data at said second source; and,

saving, onto said host computer, said interface file.

Claim 2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said receiving formatting information step comprises entering said formatting information for each field of said unusable data being translated.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said formatting data comprises:
- a ~~field name~~;
 - a ~~description~~;
 - a ~~length of the field~~;
 - an indicator of fixed-width/variable width status;
 - a mask to force said unusable data into a particular style;
 - justification information; position information; and
 - element information.
5. (presently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said element information comprises: information regarding a type of said unusable data in said field, wherein said information comprises at least one of a calculated expression; a static table entry; alphanumeric information; and a query.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
- selecting a template file as a starting point for creating the interface file;
 - entering sorting information regarding a sorting preference; and
 - entering filtering information regarding a filtering preference.
7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions comprises establishing definitions based upon a response to a question presented to a user via a user interface.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said translating step further comprises:
- creating said second source of a predetermined type;
 - writing said unusable financial transaction data to said second source in said format usable by said second source; and,
 - saving said second source.

Claims 9 and 10 (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of creating, via said host computer, an interface file includes creating only one interface file.